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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6403**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 133**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 11, 2009  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Student Instructional Time.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Holdman  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a school corporation shall conduct at least: (1) 900 hours of instructional time for students in Grades 1 through 6; and (2) 1,080 hours of instructional time for students in Grades 7 through 12; in at least 180 student instructional days.

The bill provides that a school corporation that conducts at least: (1) 910 hours of instructional time for Grades 1 through 6; and (2) 1,092 hours of instructional time for Grades 7 through 12; and has a contract with the school corporation's certificated employees that provides for fewer than 183 teacher days may dismiss students for not more than four hours each grading period to conduct parent-teacher conferences.

The bill modifies the formula for determining the reduction in the August tuition support distribution to a school corporation that fails to conduct the minimum number of student instructional days during a school term.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill should have little impact on the state. Most schools meet the statutory minimum each year. The possible savings to the state due to schools not holding enough instructional days would probably be minor. For the 2008-09 school year, about 79% of the schools had the state minimum of 180 instructional days, and another 20.7% had more than 180 days in their school calendar.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** School corporations that have over 910 instructional hours in Grades

1 through 6 and 1,092 hours in Grades 7 through 12 but have less than 183 teacher days in their contract would be allowed to dismiss students up to four hours during each grading period for parent-teacher conferences, and the time would count as instructional time. About 95% of schools would be eligible to use up to four hours per grading period for parent-teacher conferences. The bill could have some minor savings to schools. Schools would still have to transport students and have school during the day when the parent-teacher conferences were held.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local schools.

**Information Sources:** Department of Education instructional time database,  
<http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/SAS/sas1.cfm> .

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